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**From:** Ostrander, David  
**Sent:** Sun 8/9/2015 1:11:04 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Animas

thanks Marc. This incident really tests all that experience as it is much more complicated than most. Fortunately over the last few years there has been less control from HQ and more understanding that these events have to be managed by those closest on the ground. There are still many competing interests to manage. Certainly this is the hottest seat I have had to be in throughout my career. this too shall pass.

Thanks and good to hear from you.

Sent from my iPad

On Aug 8, 2015, at 5:25 PM, Marc Alston <[marc\\_alston@comcast.net](mailto:marc_alston@comcast.net)> wrote:

Saw you on NBC national news tonight. It is tough being there. You've been there before.

From my coach standpoint:

Be courageous.

Say what need to be said (what they will let you say).

Do your best.

Savor these moments. This too shall pass.

Let me know if you want to talk. I am not marketing.

*"Be yourself. Everyone else is taken." -- Oscar Wilde*

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On 8/8/15 12:14 PM, Ostrander, David wrote:

Silverton still says no, but maybe that may change

**From:** Marc Alston [mailto:[marc\\_alston@comcast.net](mailto:marc_alston@comcast.net)]  
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Hayes and David,

Saw your names in the Post, and I was wondering who was working on this. I am sure you are catching tremendous heat, and I am sorry for that. You are both strong, competent professionals, and I know you will hang in there. Reminds me of some of the heat from my Superfund and other days.

Below is some stuff off today's Facebook from Nathan and me. I recall a Silverton town meeting foray I took 21 yr ago. Hayes may have been there. I was the Brownfields Coordinator at the time.

Best  
Marc

Nathan Fey--

After working on mine remediation projects in the San Juans with the San Miguel Watershed Coalition and the CO Watershed Network, I saw catastrophe like this as only a matter of time. Lets reform our outdated mining laws and empower good samaritans with limited liability so that mine clean-up can happen faster, and this doesn't happen again. It easily could.

Marc--Very sad, and I agree with Nathan. I am recalling how when with EPA I was sent to Silverton 21 yr ago to "ask" if the town wanted the mines designated as a Superfund site. This was in the beginning of Voluntary cleanups. We got a clear "no". I am not sure of the history since, or saying their decision was wrong. What a mess.